

**Recycling and Refuse Management Committee Minutes****Nov. 8, 2007**

**Present:** Susan Waite, Recycling Coordinator; Pat Church, RRMCM Chair; Marianne Lorenzelli; Clare Bertrand; Meg Vickery; Harvey Allen; Lucy McMurrer; Sasha Mastroianni, ARHS Environmental Action Club member.

**Updates:**

The August and October minutes were approved with minor changes to the October minutes.

**Amherst Schools:**

Susan reported a letter to the School Board went out from the RRMCM recommending recycling be factored into the public school lunch contract request for proposals. Susan is also now a member of the school committee involved in that decision.

**Bottle Battle:**

Susan requested we continue passing out business recycling stickers and accruing recycling data from those businesses.

**MassRecycle:**

The Select Board meeting voted to support, as a town, the MassRecycle paper recycling campaign. Susan also distributed to RRMCM members an article from the Nov. '07 - Jan. '08 issue of "Healthy Life" about the campaign. In order to further promote MassRecycle's campaign, MRF will not award cash grants but blue paper recycling bins.

**Amherst Trash Haulers:**

Susan shared a proposal to RRMCM members that she sent to the Amherst Board of Health regarding our trash hauler licensing ideas. We're on the agenda for their next meeting and the RRMCM subcommittee involved in this issue will go to voice support for this licensing change.

**New Membership:**

Pat decided to step down as Chair of the committee. Meg Vickery was nominated and will begin as the new Chair of the committee starting with our next meeting. We also need an additional member for the committee. Pat will publicize it at the next Town Meeting. Perhaps Sasha would be interested? Or Andra Rose's husband?

**New Topics:**

Compact fluorescent light bulb disposal is a problem for many people in town. It costs \$1 per bulb at the Transfer Station plus the cost of a Transfer Station sticker. These light bulbs contain hazardous materials and are expensive to collect. The committee should look into this.

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15. In recognition of this Wildwood Elementary students will staff a table at Henion Bakery with letters available for signature pledging to recycle. Lucy will also write a letter to the Amherst Bulletin to publicize the day and recycling.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy McMurrer, RRMCM member